Ancestral Faith

Allah's name (we) begin with the Most Affectionate the Merciful

In a time where deviancy and apostasy is common and unfortunately widespread and people are being looted of their faiths and beliefs by the so-called "Enlightened Scholars" who preach self-made beliefs in the name of preaching Qur'an and Sunnah, it becomes mandatory to spread and transfer the sacred knowledge and profound texts to the laymen and modern generation. It is indeed a tragedy of our time that people without checking its correctness; accept everything thrown at them by scholar looking "Illiterates". At such a juncture, the scholars of "Ahlus Sunnah" also known as "Maslak e Ala Hazrat" play a crucial role in the safeguarding of beliefs and practices of the pious predecessors.

At the top of the list of these scholars in the 14th century Hijri is the name of Reviver of Blessed Creed, the Mountain of knowledge, the ocean of Wisdom, the Sky of Magnificence and a true Lover of the Blessed Prophet (upon him be peace), the scholar, the jurist, the author, the Hadith master, the leader of Ascetics, the lamp of Gnostics, A Wali e Kamil and dignified Sufi, lovingly known as "Ala Hazrat" Imam Ash-

Shah Ahmad Raza Khan Fazil e Barelvi (may Allah sanctify his secret). He has fought a four-fronted War against apostasy, infidelity, orientalism and innovations in Islam. But what he is outstandingly remembered for is his "Love for the Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him)", whenever an enemy of Islam has uttered a blasphemy against our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him); Imam Ahmad Raza has crushed his blasphemous tongue with loads and loads of Evidences and Inferences from the Qur'an, Hadith, Verdicts of Scholars and his own Scholarly intelligence. It is the reason why the deviant scholars fear his name till the date. In the great Imam's time; there rose another "Fitna" of calling the Prophet's parents infidel. People like Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi clearly wrote in his Fataawa that the Prophet's parents were "Kafir"! Surely this was done to vilify the Prophet (peace be upon him) and to hurt the sentiments of his Lovers and the Lovers of Sayyidna Abdullah and Sayyidatuna Amina (Allah is pleased with them both). Imam Ahmad Raza in his marvelous book "Shumulul Islam Li Usooli Rasoolil Kiraam", answered all the doubts raised on the topic and evidently proved that the Parents of the Prophet (peace be upon him) up to Hazrat Adam (salutations be upon him) were not Kafir.

In this small article I intend to mention some of those evidences that the Imam has given and some others too, so that common English speaking people may be benefitted from this, "Allah is sufficient for me and with his help I speak":

An Intellectual point of view:

Scientists of behavioral and sociological background have always stated a point that "If the seed is good the plant is good" or more clearly they say "Birds of a common feather". This is to indicate that if the lineage and ancestral background of a person is good, he is sure to inherit good traits from them and this adds on to his social status, On the other side of the coin, if anyone from the ancestors of a person has been a criminal; this decreases his social stature. The "Nasab" or "Lineage" of a person thus plays an important role in his rank in the society and his acceptance as a "Noble Man". (Without drawing any similarity between the two as the Status of Prophets is far greater than our comprehension)

We must understand that the Prophets (upon them be peace) have always been sent in Noble households and families. Rather, the best family in the Nation is the family of its Prophet. The mission to send the Prophets (peace be upon

them) is so that people may respect them and gain guidance from them, it is thus easily understandable that man cannot respect a person who Sins openly and calls himself a loved one of Allah, So Allah created the Prophets with best character and best behavior and made them "Ma'soom" Infallible in such a manner that they cannot commit Sin. In the same way, the Prophets (peace be upon them) were sent in the best of the families with the best lineage, so that no enemy can vilify them on the basis of their lineage.

The Enmity of the Deviants with the Prophet:

What can be said about the enmity of Deviants, "Wahabis, Deobandis etc." with the Prophet (peace be upon him) that they with the intention of blasphemy say that the Parents of the Prophet (peace be upon him) were infidels and they are in Hell (I seek Allah's refuge). Such heinous and devilish minds that they leave no stone unturned in blaspheming the Prophet, his companions and his family. Just pause for a moment and think; if someone calls our parents "Jahannami", how much would it hurt us and what would be our reaction? But Allah! Allah! People don't even see the faces of those who abuse their parents but mix and mingle with those who abuse the parents of the Beloved Mustafa (peace be upon him). Keep your hand on your heart and ask yourselves, "Is this is the way of a

Momin?" to shake hands, love and revere the enemies of the Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him)? No, Nix and Never! The sky can come crashing down, the earth can split into two, the Sun and Moon can fall; but a true believer's heart can never shake hands with an enemy of his Prophet (peace be upon him). Thus, leave the company of the deviants today itself and make True Repentance to Allah the exalted in a hope that you may excel. May Allah, give us the strength in our faith to leave all which he has ordered to leave to grasp all that he has ordered to grasp. Ameen.

Evidences and Proofs:

Here with Allah's help and his Beloved Prophet's (peace be upon him) benevolence I will mention some of the Evidences of Imam Jalal Uddin Suyooti and Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (may Allah sanctify their secret), due to the fear of article becoming too lengthy and cumbersome, only few evidences will be mentioned; whoever wishes greater detail can refer to the books of these two scholarly giants.

Evidence No. 1:

Allah the exalted states in the Holy Qur'an:

"A Muslim bondman is better than an idolater" (2:221)

And the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"I was sent in the best of group of Adam's progeny; group after group until I came in this group in which I was born" (Bukhari: Kitabul Manaqib).

And it is related from Sayyidina Ali (May Allah grant magnificence to his honored face):

"On the face of earth there have always been Seven (7) Muslims, if it was not so the world and all in it would have been destroyed". (Sharhu Zurqani alal Mawahib)

Also it is in the Hadith of Sayyidina Ibn Abbas (Allah is pleased with him) that:

"The Earth was never empty of Seven Muslims, after Nuh, for the sake of whom Allah removed Azab from the ones on Earth". (The previous inference; 1:174)

Now, it must be noted that the Earth cannot be emptied of less than Seven Muslims in every Era, and the Prophet (peace be upon him) said he remained in the best of groups in every Era and with the verse of Qur'an it becomes clear that an Infidel, an Idol worshiper no matter how much Noble lineage he has can never be greater than a Muslim Bondman. So it becomes Mandatory that the ancestors of the Prophet were always from those Seven Muslims.

This means, that a Kafir no matter what lineage he has can never be called "Best group", according to the sacred law especially in the presence of Muslims on earth. Hence, it is necessary that the ancestors and forefathers of the Prophet (peace be upon him) were all Muslims and not Kafir.

<u>Evidence No. 2:</u>

Allah the exalted states in the Noble Qur'an:

"O Believers! The Associators (Infidels) are altogether impure" (9:28)

And in the Hadith the Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"Allah always transferred me from pure spines to pure wombs with purity and whenever there became two streams he transferred me into the best one". (Dalail un Nubuwwah)

And in another Hadith it is:

"I was always transferred from pure spines to pure wombs" (Sharh Zurqani alal Mawahib)

Further it is in another Hadith:

"Allah always transferred me from Honorable spines to pure wombs until I was born from my parents". (Kitab al-Shifa)

Be mindful now, that it is necessary that the Prophet (peace be upon him) remains in purity from pure men to pure women; and Qur'an says that Infidels are altogether impure; Thus, none from the Parents of his majesty (peace be upon him) can be infidels or idol worshippers.

Imam Ahmad Raza (may Allah sanctify his secret) states regarding this Evidence that it has been supported by: Imam Fakhr Uddin al-Razi, Imam Jalal Uddin al-Suyooti, Imam Sunoosi, Imam Tilismani, Imam Ibn Hajar Makki and Allama Zurqani.

Conclusion:

Allama Tahtaavi in his footnotes on "Durr e Mukhtar" states:

"There is disrespect in saying the ancestors of the Prophet (peace be upon him) as Kafir and what is necessary to believe is that Allah kept them safeguarded from Kufr".

Sher e Besha e Ahle Sunnat, Mazhar e Ala Hazrat, Munazir e Azam e Ahle Sunnat Allama Hashmat Ali Khan in his Fataawa states:

"But we will not stay quiet in this matter, Our Masters the scholars of Ahle Sunnat have seen it as the midday Sun and the full moon, and have given enough and satisfying answers

to the opposite evidences hence we clearly believe that the parents of the Prophet (peace be upon him) to Hazrat Adam (salutations be upon him) the blessed Noor stayed from whichever Blessed spines to whichever pure wombs they all are by the grace of Allah and by the mercy of his Beloved (peace be upon him); Believers, Monotheists, Pious, Successful and Free from Hell fire".

And the same is our belief in this matter;

Hence, O dear unsuspecting Muslims of the world! O Ummah of the Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him)! You must now act with caution as there are outlaws, robbers and marauders all the way to raid and snatch your treasure of faith from you. Allah the exalted orders you to stay with the truthful; Indeed the truthful are the pious bondmen of Allah and these people in today's time are the scholars of "Ahlus Sunnati wal Jama'ah" which is also known as "Maslak e Ala Hazrat". May Allah, give us life and death on this blessed creed. So be it! O lord of the worlds, for the sake of your Beloved Prophet (upon him be peace) accept this. Ameen

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